

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Replace the paragraph spanning pages 11-12, between page 11, line 27, and page 12, line 18 of the specification with the following:

Software executing on the computer hardware 80 is beneficially capable of recognizing footprints, for example underside surfaces, of other types of objects presented in proximity of the working surface 20. For example, the hardware 80 can be programmed so that placement of a liquid container, for example a coffee mug of the user 35, on the surface 20 is detected by the hardware 80 to be a mug so that the hardware 80, in response, is operable to present an electronic newspaper to the user 35 for a duration the container is in proximity of the display unit 70. Preferably, the hardware 80 is sufficiently responsive on account of its operating software to identify where the container is placed upon the working surface 20 and thereby determine an orientation to present the electronic newspaper so as to be a correct way up for the user 35. Preferably, the hardware 80 is programmed to recognize names of symbols on underside surfaces of such containers, for example white porcelain mugs with names written in black indelible ink onto curved underside surfaces of the mugs, so that the hardware 80 is capable of recognizing the presence of different users and, in response, opening corresponding preferred documents,

for example different types of electronic newspaper-is response. The apparatus 10 is preferably adaptable to being presented with a given container, subsequently being presented with a name of a user of the apparatus 10, and then finally associating the user's name with the container so that mere presentation of the container to the working surface is sufficient to indicate to the hardware 80 which user is presently using the apparatus 10. It will be appreciated that the apparatus 10 can associate particularly users with other types of object, for example an identity tag, photograph, codeword written or printed on a piece of card or similar placed on the working surface 20. Thus, the apparatus 10 is susceptible to being configured so that certain objects placed in proximity of the display unit 70 are capable of being recognized by the hardware 80 to correspond to, for example, associated groups of documents. For example, a security tag placed upon the working surface 20 can be arranged to allow access to certain secret or confidential documents on the apparatus 10 which would not normally be available to users of the apparatus 10.